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Caston Christmas Programs

The Caston Elementary School will present its annual Christmas program Thursday evening, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Mr. and Mrs. Byrn will conduct the program in which each grade level will be performing music from a different country.

The Caston Jr./Sr. High students involved in band and chorus will present their Christmas program Monday evening, December 18, at 7 p.m. in McHale Auditorium, Logansport.

All parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend.

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VFW Christmas Party, Dec. 17

The Ladies Auxiliary of the James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Christmas party for youngsters in the community Sunday, December 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. Children from infant through 11 years of age are welcome.

The youth will be involved with crafts and cartoons from 2 to 3 p.m. and Santa will visit from 3 to 4 p.m.

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Conservancy Directors to Meet

The Lake Bruce Conservancy board of directors will meet in special session at 10 a.m. Monday, December 11, at the Hoosier Hide-a-way to start work on ordinances for the wastewater treatment system.

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for December 13, call 574-223-3326.

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Kewanna Community Food Pantry
United Methodist Church
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Phone 574-653-2201

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Master Gardener Classes

Purdue Cooperative Extension Service of Fulton County will be conducting Master Gardener classes beginning Tuesday, January 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. Classes will be held every Tuesday afternoon for 12 consecutive weeks at the fairgrounds in Rochester. Sessions will include several topics including: soils, plant nutrition, plant growth, diseases, insects, weeds, lawns, trees, vegetables, flowers, houseplants, fertilization and pesticide safety. Participants will receive a notebook and have a chance to participate with others interested in gardening. The cost for the course is \$100. To receive a Master Gardener certificate after completing the course, participants will need to volunteer 35 hours of time to the Cooperative Extension Service in a variety of community service projects related to gardening.

Interested persons should contact Mark Kepler, Purdue Cooperative Extension Service, 1009 West Third Street, Rochester, IN 46975 or telephone 574-223-3397. Class size is limited.

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Sen. Weatherwax Receives Committee Assignments

(STATEHOUSE) Looking forward to the 115th session of the Indiana General Assembly, Senate President Pro-Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne) released his list of Senate Standing Committees this week, announcing that Sen. Tom Weatherwax (R-Logansport) has been given the following assignments:

■ Senate Committee on Appropriations

■ Senate Committee on Commerce, Public Policy & Interstate Cooperation

■ Senate Committee on Tax & Fiscal Policy, Ranking Member

■ Senate Committee on Pensions & Labor

Senate committees allow legislators to review prepared legislation and hear testimony on issues before bringing them to the Senate floor for consideration. The President Pro-Tempore assigns bills to committees based on subject matter.

"The most important legislative work we do in the Senate takes place in our committees, where the crucial shaping of legislation occurs, and where the public has direct input," Sen. Long said. "I'm proud of the makeup of our Senate committees, as well as the expertise and hard work that each individual Senator brings to the committee process."

Rep. Gutwein Appointed to House Committees

Appointed Ranking Member of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

(STATEHOUSE) Dec. 5, 2006 – State Representative Eric A. Gutwein (R-Rensselaer) was named as the Ranking Minority Member of the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee for the 115th General Assembly. In addition, Rep. Gutwein was named to the Labor and Employment Committee and the Natural Resources Committee by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Republican Leader Brian C. Bosma.

"I look forward to working on each of these committees," said Rep. Gutwein. "Since I have become a state representative, agricultural issues have always been a major part of my agenda. I hope to bring many ideas to the Statehouse that will further enrich the agricultural community as well as the rest of the state."

The Indiana General Assembly is a part-time legislature and meets on a two year cycle, four months one year and three months the following year. Standing committees are an integral part of the legislative process in the House of Representatives. Committees with specific expertise work out the details of proposed legislation before it is heard on the House floor.

The public is encouraged to watch the legislative process over the House Internet Program, a Republican-created initiative, and can view both the House floor or committee proceedings at www.in.gov/legislature. Click on "Watch the General Assembly Session" on the right side of the screen. Committee proceedings are also open to the public.

The upcoming 2007 legislative session will begin on January 8 and conclude on April 29. For questions or comments regarding this session, Rep. Gutwein can be reached at h16@IN.gov, or by calling at 1-800-382-9841.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 December Activities
December 9 – Men's meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Dec. 15 – Ladies Auxiliary party prep at 6 p.m.

Dec. 16 – Card drawing at 7 p.m.

Dec. 17 – Children's Christmas party with Santa, 2 to 4 p.m.

Dec. 19 – Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve party. Open at noon.

Dec. 25 – Merry Christmas. VFW closed.

Dec. 26 – Men's meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 31 – Open Sunday. Band, Hit and Run, starts at 8 p.m.

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Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree

For many years, the Hope Hospice Memorial Christmas tree has been on display at the First Federal Savings Bank in Rochester during the month of December. The tree is not adorned with sparkling lights but with special Christmas bulbs. The bulbs are not special because of their monetary value or their elegant design. They are special because the people of the community have chosen these Christmas bulbs to commemorate their loved ones whom they have lost. Some even have chosen them to honor some special person in their lives who has been a blessing to them.

When people send a \$10 donation to Hope Hospice in memory or in honor of a person, that person's name is hand written upon the bulb and carefully hung upon the tree to be displayed during December. Their names are also entered into a book of remembrance that will be on display beside the tree in the foyer of the First Federal Savings Bank.

The public is invited to stop by the office of Hope Hospice at 420 Main Street in Rochester to make their donations and to fill out a form with the information of the person to be honored. Forms will also be available at First Federal Savings Bank. Those donating, honorees and the families of memorialized persons are invited to an open house on Wednesday, January 10, from noon to 3 p.m. at the hospice office. At that time the commemorative ornament will be given as keepsakes of this special holiday season.

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NIPSCO ANNOUNCES GAS COST ADJUSTMENT FOR DECEMBER

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) announced today that natural gas costs for December 2006 increased compared to last month, due to an increase in wholesale natural gas prices, resulting from increased seasonal demand. NIPSCO residential customers will see an increase in natural gas costs of 0.79 percent when compared to November 2006. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approved the adjustment subject to refund. A typical NIPSCO residential customer using 150 therms of natural gas should expect an increase of approximately \$1.11 from last month's statement in their December billing, although total bill amounts will vary as a result of actual consumption.

Recycling Dates
December 1st, 15th
& December 30th

Comets Suffer Tourney Defeats

The Caston Comets took on the Pioneer Panthers in first round action of the Logansport Savings Bank Cass County basketball tourney Friday, Dec. 1, losing 44-36. The Comets started out cold but came back to lead 20-17 at the halfway mark. Caston still maintained a lead with a little over three and a half minutes left in the game, but four quick points from Pioneer put them in front to stay. Ethan Zartman was the leading scorer for the Comets with 10. Kam Scott added nine points.

The Comets took on Peru Saturday night in the consolation game, losing 48-33. The Comets again had a halftime lead, but Peru outscored them in the second half, 30-14, to secure the win. Caston was led by Kam Scott with a game high of 17 points, followed by Wes Rigney with seven points.

The Logansport Berries won the tournament defeating Peru and Pioneer.

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CASTON ATHLETIC EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 8 – Boys varsity/JV basketball with Carroll at Caston, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 9 – Boys 6th grade basketball at North Miami, 9 a.m.; boys varsity wrestling Super 6 at Triton, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12 – Freshmen boys basketball with Frontier, 6 p.m.; boys junior high basketball at Wabash, 6 p.m.; girls varsity/JV basketball at Northfield, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14 – Freshmen boys basketball MWC tourney at West Central, 5:30 p.m.; junior high boys basketball MWC tourney at West Central, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15 – Varsity wrestling invitational at Caston, 5:30 p.m.

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Indiana State Fairgrounds Upcoming Activities

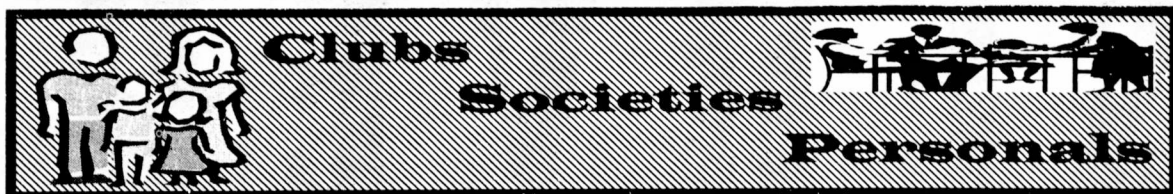
Indiana-Illinois Farm Equipment Show: Dec. 12-14 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free.

Disturbed, Stone Sour & Fly Leaf Concert: Dec. 15 in the Pepsi Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m.; concert starts at 7 p.m. Admission: \$25 & \$35. Tickets are available at the State Fairgrounds box office at 317-927-1482; all Ticketmaster outlets; Ticketmaster charge-by-phone at 317-239-5151; or www.ticketmaster.com

Stewart's Indiana Flea Market: Dec. 15-17 in the Ag/Hort Building. Hours: Fri. noon to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: free. Hoosier Cup Cheer, Dance & Jump Rope Championships: Dec. 16-17 in the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 1 to 6 p.m. Admission: \$10/day.

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Send In Your News



Vendors Wanted for Bridal Show

Organizers of the 7th annual "Touch of Elegance Bridal Boutique" are seeking home-based business entrepreneurs who may have some interest in attending the event. This one-day bridal show will be held Sunday, January 28, 2007, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Brandywine Complex in Monticello.

Each year, this event continues to attract several brides-to-be from all over North Central Indiana. A great indicator of past success is the fact that many vendors continue to return year after year, with some vendors having participated every year since 2001. The organizers have once again invited all the traditional bridal-related businesses throughout central Indiana. But, it is the organizers belief that there may be some non-traditional or home-based businesses in Fulton or Cass counties who have an interest in participating in the 2007 show. Any Fulton or Cass county citizen with a connection to weddings, parties, catering, entertainment, formal attire or setting up a new home (housewares, furniture, real

estate, etc.) who would like to receive an invitation to this event should call 574-583-8933.

The 2007 show will be more exciting than ever with a new "Battle of the Brides" event during the show. This new contest will allow brides to win prizes from participating vendors in a fun-filled grand finale.

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BERT JONES PURDUE EXTENSION EDUCATOR CONTROLLING YOUR HOLIDAY CREDIT USE

It is tempting to use credit cards to solve the problem of extra cash for the holidays.

You want to make the holidays a happy one, yet finding money for the extra expenses can be difficult. You do not plan to run up high balances on your credit cards – it just happens. Before you know it you have spent \$100 to \$500 more than you expected. When the credit card bills arrive in January or February, you may be surprised at how much you spent for the holidays. Then you will spend many months paying for those holidays.

How can you control your holiday spending? Start by making a written plan. Think about how much you can afford

to spend for decorations, meals, travel, and gifts. Set spending limits for gifts for each person as well as for the other items in your spending plan.

Decide how you are going to pay for holiday spending. If you are going to use only cash, leave your credit cards at home when you go shopping. If you write checks, record each check in your register and figure the balance before writing another check. This will help you stay under your limit.

If you need or want to use a credit card, choose one to use for all of your holiday spending. You can control your spending on one card much more easily than on three or four cards. You may want to pull out your latest statement for each card, check the annual interest rate, and plan to use the one with the lowest rate.

There are many ways you can cut holiday costs. Be alert early for bargains. Separate shopping trips from spending trips. Make one trip to compare prices and value, but do not take along your cash, checkbook, or credit cards. When you have decided what you can afford to buy, go back to make the purchases.

Talk with friends and family about drawing names for a gift exchange, setting dollar limits on gifts, or not exchanging gifts. Make gifts by hand or give gift certificates promising your time

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Christmas Display at Museum

The public is invited to visit the Fulton County Museum and view over 50 decorated Christmas trees and displays. The exhibit will be on display until January 3. The museum and gift shop are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed holidays.) The gift shop offers a variety of unusual consignment items and lots of stocking stuffer items.

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AREA FIVE MENU

Kewanna Fire Station

Monday, December 11 – Barbecued ribette, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, applesauce, wheat bread and milk

Wednesday, December 13 – Hamburger sandwich, Scandinavian blend vegetables, strawberry/applesauce, chocolate cherry cake and milk

Friday, December 15 – Chef salad, potato soup, Mandarin oranges, blueberry cobbler, crackers and milk

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Caston Elementary Collecting Plastic Bags

Caston Elementary students are collecting plastic shopping bags (no salt bags or shrink wrap) until April 13. The bags can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at the elementary office. They will be delivered monthly to a designated location in Logansport. The Cass County school collecting the most bags will receive a piece of furniture made from recycled plastic and will be recognized at the annual Earth Day activities involving third graders.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 25
Births - Chevy and Sherry Crabb, Argos, a son

November 27
Admissions - Treva Chapin, Donna Rans, Larry Wagoner, Matthew Crall and Melissa Keller, Rochester, Linda Rhodes, Tippecanoe
Dismissals - Winfred May, Larry Wagoner, Melissa Keller and Matthew Crall, Rochester; Sherry Crabb and son, Argos

November 28
Admissions - Terry Howat, Rochester
Dismissals - None published

November 29
Admissions - Thomas White and Emma Dawalt, Rochester
Dismissals - Donna Rans and Treva Chapin, Rochester
Births - Jason and Donitta Montelongo, Rochester, a daughter

November 30
Admissions - Marilyn Shultz, Rochester
Dismissals - None published
Births - Joshua and Lisa Warner, Rochester, a daughter

December 1
Admissions - Enid Seidner, Rochester
Dismissals - Donitta Montelongo and daughter, and Thomas White, Rochester

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

November 24
Admissions - April Timm, and Michelle Neuenschwander Winamac
Dismissals - Melissa Minix and daughter, North Judson; Neal Hiatt, Winamac

November 25
Admissions - Darl DePoy, Francesville; Rita Mrozinski, Winamac; Robert Ruvalcaba, Medaryville
Dismissals - Brenda Stevens, Delong
Births - Dewayne and Michelle Neuenschwander, Winamac, a daughter, Carina Marlene Neuenschwander

November 26
Admissions - None

Dismissals - Michelle Neuenschwander and daughter, and Dorothy Tuley, Winamac

November 27
Admissions - Candice Witten and Margaret Clift, Knox; George Schneider and Karol Szwet, Winamac
Dismissals - None
Births - Christopher and Candice Witten, Knox, a son, Aiden Michael Witten

November 28
Admissions - None
Dismissals - April Timm, Winamac

November 29
Admissions - Betty Zehner, Monterey; Ruby Dennis, Winamac
Dismissals - Margaret Clift and Candice Witten and son, Knox; George Schneider and Mary Ziebell, Winamac

November 30
Admissions - Margaret Clift, Knox
Dismissals - None
Births - Michael and Ruby Dennis, Winamac, a son, Kriston Eugene Dennis

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DEATHS.....

GLENN HART

A celebration of life was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 6, 2006, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, for Glenn Hart, 79, Tiosa. Pastor Mike Beezley and Pastor Bill Kaiser officiated and burial was in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. The Leroy Shelton American Legion Post #36 and the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1343 conducted military graveside services. Mr. Hart died at 1:15 a.m. Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Born June 17, 1927, in Winamac, he was the son of Ernest and Cecil Dickenson Hart. He had lived most of his life in

the Pulaski and Fulton county area. He was married September 30, 1950, in Kewanna to Annabelle S. Gelbaugh, who survives.

Glenn had worked as a supervisor/manager for the former Franks Orthopedics Company, Mentone, for a number of years. He was a World War II Navy veteran having served in the Pacific theater from 1945 to 1950 as a medic. He was an active member of the Talma United Methodist Church, a member of the Talma-Newcastle Lions Club and a volunteer for Woodlawn Hospital and the Fulton County RSVP Meals on Wheels program. His favorite pastimes were riding his motorcycle and playing cards with friends, family and grandchildren. He was also a dedicated member of the Richland Center IOOF for several years.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Ed and his wife, Susan, Warsaw, Rich and his wife, Susan, Mentone and Jim and his wife, Cindy, Elkhart; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Walters and her husband, Ron, Ocala, Florida, and Sister Carolita "Bernice", Los Angeles, California; a brother, Dale and his wife, Linda, Fort Myers, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Janet Osborn, and three brothers, Don, Tom and an infant brother Jerry.

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CONSTANCE "CONNIE" K. BOOCHER

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2006, in the Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, for

Constance "Connie" K. Boocher, 57, Logansport. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Connie died at 6:39 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2006, in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born August 11, 1949, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Robert Dean and Violet M. Murray Miller. She was married September 16, 1967, in Kewanna to Daniel E. Boocher, who survives.

A 1967 graduate of Kewanna High School, she was a homemaker and a member of the Dykeman Park Ladies Golf Association. She loved to play golf and also enjoyed playing cards.

Surviving are one son, Dan R. Boocher and his wife, Deb, West Lafayette; a brother, David D. Miller, Greenwood; three grandchildren, Jacob, Nathan and Megan Boocher; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Bereavement Support Group to Meet

Anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one is invited to meet with the bereavement support group at Hope Hospice, 420 Main St., in Rochester Tuesday, December 19, at 7 p.m. The 40-minute video "Dealing with Grief at the Holidays" will be shown and a discussion will follow.

The one-hour meeting is free of

charge to those attending. Chaplain Len Martin from Hope Hospice will be the group leader. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Rev. Martin at 574-224-4673.

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Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, December 16, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

PMH has launched a new and user friendly web site. It provides very useful information about free support groups, employment opportunities, scholarships available, educational offerings, physicians on staff and their web sites, department contact information, services offered and a history of PMH with pictures. This web site is www.pmhnet.com.

The PMH Mother's Group will meet on December 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the hospital board room. Topics will include issues on feeding and baby care. Call 574-946-2113 for more information.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet December 9 at 10 a.m. Eastern Time in the PMH board room. This group will focus on sharing experiences and positive solutions for dealing with MS. Patients, families and caregivers are all welcome. For more information, call Lori Semrau at 579-946-2157 Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building, Winamac, providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment and referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 574-946-6017 for information.

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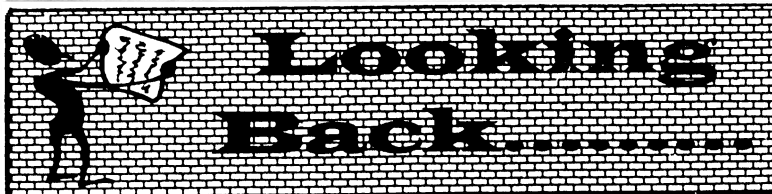
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December 7, 1951

Joe McPherson, owner and manager of the Key Theatre, announced that he will open a cry room Sunday, December 9. The new room features a large, plate glass window facing the screen and is sound proof. A speaker has been installed so that the show may be enjoyed while pacifying infants without disturbing the other patrons.

William F. Troutman, Valparaiso, was notified recently that he passed his bar examination last month. Troutman was admitted to law practice in court ceremonies December 4 in Valparaiso, where he attended law school. He is the son of Mrs. Charles O. Troutman of here and has many relatives in this area.

The good neighbor spirit was again manifested this past week when members and friends of the Pleasant Hill Church at Lake Bruce gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams with tractors, corn pickers, wagons and an elevator and picked corn for them. The ladies of the church furnished the dinner. Mr. Williams has been sick during the past summer and recently underwent major surgery, followed by pneumonia.

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Meckes of Kewanna are the parents of a son, Mark Joel, born November 20 at Woodlawn Hospital.

From Kewanna School News
9th Grade News

I am sure you have all noticed Elaine Larkin's arm. She slipped on the ice a couple of weeks ago and injured it. It will be in a sling for about a week.

Alice Stingley, a member of the freshman class, has a birthday Friday, December 7.

Last Friday, November 30, we exchanged names for Christmas.

Reporter: Dara Masteller

Mrs. Elsie Lord was dismissed from Logansport Memorial Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Anderson entertained members of the Sunday Evening Supper Club Sunday in their home near Kewanna. The evening featured a turkey dinner and an exchange of Christmas gifts among the children. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Herman McColley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shidaker and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talbott and family, all of Kewanna, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Metzger and

children of Rochester

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 6, 1956

Marilyn Zellers, Franklin College senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zellers, has been elected to membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She is president of Gold Quill scholastic honorary and the Panhellenic Association, which is the governing body for the Greek letter fraternity women.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickie, Kewanna, a daughter in Woodlawn Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Knicker of Hammond are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. George Hickie, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

Aletta Jane Walters, Rt. 3, Kewanna, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters, was admitted to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis Tuesday where she will undergo surgery.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Lafayette for Frank Hansen, 80, of Lafayette. Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Roy Nutt, of Kewanna. Mr. Hansen was a victim of cancer.

The grand openings of Young's Grocery in Grass Creek and Farris Plumbing and Heating in Kewanna last week were well attended. Drawing winners at Farris were Mrs. Ethel Smith, first, a garbage disposal; Mrs. Blaine Orr, second, an electric drill; and third through tenth, pipe wrenches, to Trudy Troutman, Joe Good, Frank Hendrickson, Nellie Lisey, Mrs. Herman McColley, Mrs. Edward Shadle, Mrs. Luther Bussert and Mrs. William Adams.

Mrs. Amy Wilson returned home Saturday after spending three weeks in Gary in the home of her brother, George Wiley. Mrs. Wiley had undergone surgery and Mrs. Wilson assisted in the care of her sister-in-law.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
December 7, 1961

Patrick Omar McLochlin, 64, Kewanna, died a 1 p.m. last Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Ann's Church, Kewanna, with Father Matthew Drennan officiating. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. Survivors include his widow, the former Ethel Vanata; one son, Francis, Grass Creek; one daughter, Mrs. Madeline Myers, Kewanna; four grandchildren; three brothers; and four sisters.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker, a daughter, Bridget Renee, weighing 6 pounds and 7 ounces at Community Hospital, LaPorte, November 27. Mrs. Parker is the former Sherry Hizer of Kewanna.

The Gay Gleaners Circle of the Methodist Church met December 4 in the church annex for a covered dish supper. Hostesses were Beth Reason, Mildred McColley, Ruth Ann Anderson and Lois Kumler. Twenty-seven members answered roll call and there were three guests, Mary Biber, Karen Good, and Judy Mills.

The Kewanna MYF group went to Rochester Sunday evening to take its donations for the Lebanon Children's Home. The local group took third prize for canned goods collected and honorable mention for its display. Attending were Mary Nell, Barbara and Sally Masteller, Kenan Cook, Laura Hilficker and Ronnie Miller, accompanied by Jack Hogan, Kenneth Cook, and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Gwin.

Ruby Woolington, Amy Wilson, and Golda Polen were in Rochester Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the Fulton County Republican Women's Club at the Legion Hall.

Rev. and Mrs. Duane Tulowitvsky moved Monday to the Sharon Pilgrim Holiness Church parsonage

at Bruce Lake Station to begin their pastoral duties at Sharon Church. The couple comes here from Alexandria.

Kewanna's junior high basketball team gained its fourth victory in as many starts by defeating the Logansport Saints 63-36 on their home floor. Ken Robbins and Jim Ley did a good job of rebounding against the taller team. Ronnie McColley led Kewanna with 21 points while Robbins and Jim Talbott collected 12 points apiece.

Two Kewanna rural mail carriers, Paul Ley and Hugh Wilson, have received Safe Driving Awards from the National Safety Council. Paul's was for 18 years of accident free mail delivery and Hugh's was for five years of delivering the mail without an accident.

FORTY YEARS AGO

December 8, 1966

Richard Graffis, a member of the Taylor University cross country team, spent his Thanksgiving holiday in Omaha, Nebraska, where the team participated in the

national cross country meet.

Rev. Leroy Wise, pastor of the Kewanna Methodist Church, plans to leave Thursday, January 5, from Miami, Florida, to spend a week in Haiti.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Pesaresi recently returned home from a week's trip to New York City where he represented Winamac Coil Spring at the annual meeting of the Spring Manufacturers Institute.

1st Lt. Brian Markle and his wife, 2nd Lt. Jeanne Markle, the former, Jeanne Urbin, left Monday for Vietnam.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wills were Capt. and Mrs. Phillip Wills of Fort Carson, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wills and daughter of Elkhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wills and daughter of Logansport. They helped Phil Wills celebrate his birthday. Capt. Wills is on a 30-day leave from the Army before leaving for duty in Vietnam.

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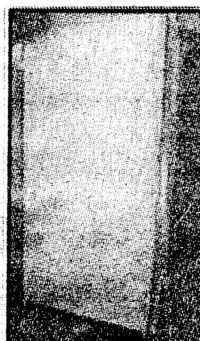
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How Do You Feed 3,400+ Passengers?

(A description of the chain of events that culminates in the cuisine served to passengers by their waiter.)

Submitted by Tom and Barb LaFollette

It all starts with a shopping list, not unlike the shopping list anyone would prepare at home. But this shopping list consists of food from all over the world, as well as the United States. On a single cruise, the list usually consists of between 110 and 115 tons of food to be delivered to the ship and loaded on the "turn around" day, this is the day when one cruise ends and the next begins. After the food is loaded on board, it is carefully stowed in the proper storage rooms. These rooms are specially designed and temperature controlled for the various types of food. On longer cruises, the amount of food increases proportionally and may be loaded at different ports. The food requisition lists are prepared by an expert team. The requisition is then sent to either the Florida or Los Angeles office, depending on the cruising area of the ship.

Ashore, a team of professional

buyers go to work visiting markets, selecting meats, fish and contacting their suppliers from around the world. These buyers coordinate domestic and international shipping schedules for delivery to the ships.

After the food is loaded on board, the cruise begins...the menus for the cruise are carefully prepared by an expert team of corporate chefs, under the supervision of the corporate director of food and beverage and menu planning in Los Angeles. Different menus are offered each day in the dining rooms. A team of storekeepers, butchers, fish and vegetable preparation men exercise their skills against a tight schedule to carefully ensure that the proper items and amounts are prepared and transported to the galley on time. In the galleys, teams of chefs, cooks and pantrymen use their skills to turn the raw food into the fine cuisine that the ship is noted for.

Fish preparation area - This area employs four butchers to prepare the fish. It contains freezers with temperatures ranging from 5 degrees F to 10 degrees F in a fully equipped preparation room. Here the fish is

cleaned and cut into portions before it is sent to the galleys where the chefs will complete the preparation. The average amount of fish prepared daily: 1,500 pounds.

Meat preparation area - This area employs six butchers, three assistants and two helpers. The area contains large individual freezers for meat and poultry which are kept at a temperature of approximately 10 degrees F. There are defrosting rooms for meat and poultry with temperatures ranging from 35 degrees F to 40 degrees F. The meat and poultry is sliced and portioned before it is sent to the galley where a team of 12 complete the preparation. Average amount of meat cooked daily: 1,800 pounds of poultry; 400 pounds of veal; 2,100 pounds of beef; 460 pounds of lamb; and 1,000 pounds of pork/pork products.

Cold kitchen - This is where all the cold dishes and salads are prepared, from the simplest sandwich, to the fine works of art that enhance the buffet tables. A hardboiled egg and an olive are subtly transformed into a miniature penguin...an ordinary carrot becomes a bird in flight...a simple radish becomes a rose with petals tipped in red...baked beans and turkeys take on layers of fine coating and floral designs...all to please the eye as

well as the spirit, and offer the invitation to dine. Twelve men work in this area, which contains mixing and slicing machines and refrigerators where all the prepared dishes are kept. The average amount of salads served daily: 1,600 pounds; shrimp used daily: 300 pounds; mayonnaise used daily: 28 gallons; sandwiches made daily: 1,500 each.

Soups, pastas and vegetables - Sixteen men are employed in this area where they use their skills to prepare frozen and fresh seasonal vegetables, delicious pastas and tasty soups. Average amount of pasta prepared daily: 500 pounds; potatoes: 2,000 pounds; vegetables: 2,500 pounds and soups: 550 gallons.

Bakery - There are eight men working in this area where there is a constant aroma of freshly baked bread. The bakery contains dough mixers, ovens, refrigerators and proofing ovens for bread rising. All of the following are baked fresh daily: sweet rolls, croissants, bread sticks, biscuits, bread, rolls, pizza and vol-au-vents. The average amount of flour used daily is 1,700 pounds.

Pastry shop - Sixteen people perform their craft in the pastry shop in two shifts, twelve during the day and four at night. Sweets and pastries are prepared in this separate area every day throughout the cruise. High quality almond paste (marzipan) is kneaded and formed into fruit shapes...a peach, a strawberry, a pear...all lined up to be carefully tinted in two or three colors, a stem added here, a petal added there. Skilled hands form curlicues and swirls like the fine lines of an etching to give that special touch that transforms a cake into a work of art. At the beginning of each cruise, special table decorations are made. The pastry shop contains ovens, refrigerators and ice cream machines. The average amount of assorted pastries made daily: 6,000; ice cream prepared daily: 90 gallons; cakes and pies served daily: 300.

Fruit and cheese pantry - Six men work in this area where they arrange assortments of fine cheeses and varieties of crackers. In addition, they wash, slice and prepare all the fruits that are

presented and served daily. The average amount of butter used daily: 500 pounds; fresh fruits served daily: 7,000 pounds.

Coffee pantry - Four men keep the automatic coffee and espresso machines working during meal times. The average amount of coffee consumed daily: 470 gallons; cream consumed daily: 62 gallons; sugar consumed daily: 400 pounds.

Dishwashing area - Who cleans up after the meals are served? Fifty-two men work continuously throughout the ship's galleys pre-washing, sorting and feeding a constant stream of china, glasses, silver, pots and pans into the dishwashing machines. The wash and rinse temperatures are carefully controlled; the automatic soap and sanitizer dispensers are checked and rechecked to ensure that all functions meet the U.S. Public Health standards. In the sculleries, nine men scrub and polish all the specially constructed oversized pots, sauté and braising pans to make them ready for the chefs and cooks. The silverware is cleaned and polished through the night so that the surfaces achieve a fine finish. The average amount of dishes washed daily: 70,000; glasses washed daily: 21,500; detergent used daily: 58 gallons.

Is this all? Well, not quite. You see, after the passengers are served, then it's time to feed over 1,100 crew members!

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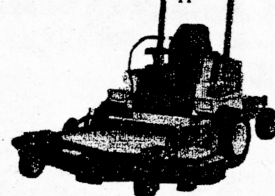
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New books at the library:

ADULTS:

Christian Fiction— *Rescued* by John Bevere and Mark Andrew Olsen; *Family and Found* (#3 and #4 of The Firstborn series) by Karen Kingsbury; *The Last Days* and *The Last Jihad* by Joel C. Rosenberg; and *Reconstructing Natalie* (from The Women of Faith series) by Laura Jensen Walker.

Christmas Fiction— *Jamaican Me Crazy* by Debbie DiGiovanni; *Finding Noel* by Richard Paul Evans; and *A Carol for Christmas* by Robin Lee Hatcher.

JUVENILES:

Ages up to 10 Years Nonfiction— from The Cat in The Hat's Learning Library by Bonnie Worth: *Hurray for Today*; *I Can Name 50 Trees Today*; *If I Ran The Rain Forest*; *Oh Say Can You Say Di-no-saur?*; *Oh Say Can You Seed?*; *A Whale of A Tale*; and *Wish for A Fish*.

Ages up to 10 Years Fiction— *What is Heaven Like?* by Beverly Lewis; *Follow That Flea!* and *Smell That Clue!* (from the Goofball Malone: Ace Detective series) by Stephen Mooser; *Legend of The Christmas*

Stocking by Rick Osborne; and *Edwina: The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct* by Mo Willems.

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LOCALS

Hugh and Maryellyn Tennent traveled to Kokomo Sunday. They enjoyed visiting with their niece and her husband, Pam and Russ Dance. They also had the opportunity to visit with Hugh's brother and sister-in-law, Nat and Jennie Tennent.

Barb and Tom LaFollette were in Kokomo Sunday. They met family friends, Mike, Angie and Mary Martino at the WWKI radio station. The group presented a check for \$1079 to the We Care Organization of Howard County. The money was raised during the Frank Martino and Frank Pickens 2nd Annual Memorial Breakfast that was held in September.

Nathan and Emily Graham and Lucas had company Sunday. Their guests for a delightful visit and supper were Nathan's parents, Jack and Judy Graham of Lucerne; his sister, Emily Graham; and his grandmother, Wilma Wilson.

Kay Brown and four ladies of her family enjoyed some holiday entertainment Sunday. Kay's daughter and granddaughters, Angie Smith, Leighnee and Kaelee; her granddaughter, Molly McKinney; and family friend, Amy Ward, traveled to Warsaw to attend the musical "The Sound of Music". The performance was held at The Wagon Wheel

Theatre.

Helen Whiteman had working visitors Sunday. Stopping by in the evening to join her for supper and to decorate the inside of the house for Christmas were her granddaughter and great-granddaughters, Andrea Hook, Whitney and Rylee of Winamac.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Kent Cook and Nita LaFollette, Dec. 10; Bob Bauman, Michelle French, JoAnn Collins, Sarah Purkey, Hampton Short and April Troutman, Dec. 11; Martha Ann Cook, Hailey Evers, Bob Polstra and Zach Wassermann, Dec. 12; Tom Johnson, Dec. 13; Jane Arend, Gene DeWitt, David Leazenby and Keilah Sutton, Dec. 14; Wes Hickie, Dec. 15; and Clarrisa Baker and Jim Hickie, Dec. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith will be celebrating their wedding anniversary Dec. 15.

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Letter To The Editor

December 4, 2006

To the Editor:

My husband and I recently moved back to the area after living in the Mishawaka-South Bend vicinity since 1961. We were originally from Winamac. Lake Bruce is our home now.

We have attended some of the socials held at the Bruce Lake Methodist Church (Pleasant Hill), gone to Luke's Auction Barn on a Saturday night and eaten meals at the Kibitzer and Lynn's. We have found the people of the area to be very friendly and they have welcomed us back in to the area with open arms. Not once have we felt like "outsiders".

Thanks to all in the community who have extended us a hand or smile of friendship.

Sincerely,

Judy and Jerry Ash

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CASTON MENU

December 11 - 15

Breakfast

Choice each day with juice and milk: cereal and toast; sausage/cheese bun; ham/cheese bun; toaster pastry

Lunch

Monday - Pork chopette sandwich, au gratin potatoes, Mandarin oranges, snickerdoodle cookie and milk. Comet Café - roast beef and cheddar and curly fires

Tuesday - Pizza, green beans, peaches, bread and butter and milk. Comet Café - hamburger and onion rings

Wednesday - Breadstick with meat and cheese, potatoes, applesauce and milk. Comet Café - turkey club and chips (early dismissal day)

Thursday - Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes and gravy, broccoli, cherry crisp and milk.

Comet Café - nachos with meat and cheese

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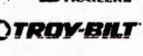
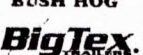
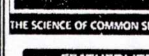
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from Lake Bruce Conservancy District. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project. This notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessment for public review and comment.

The proposed project consists of installing a vacuum wastewater collection system to serve the Lake Bruce area. A sequencing batch reactor wastewater treatment plant is proposed on the northwest side of Lake Bruce, with discharge to the Lake Bruce Outlet.

Various project alternatives were presented in the preliminary engineering report prepared by Wightman Petrie. They include gravity collection sewer, low pressure sewer, vacuum sewer, force main to Kewanna's wastewater treatment plant, sequencing batch reactor plant, membrane bio reactor plant, and extended aeration plant.

If the project is implemented, the proposed project may impact important farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, and/or have an adverse effect to historic properties. Mitigation measures were included in the Environmental Assessment in accordance with directives from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Divisions of Historic Preservation & Archaeology and Fish & Wildlife, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

The Environmental Assessment can be reviewed at the USDA Rural Development office, 1919 East Business 30, POB 699, Columbia City, IN 46725-0699. For further information, please contact Thomas Bernhard, telephone 260-244-6266. A copy is also available for review at the Kewanna-Union Township Public Library at East Main Street, Kewanna, IN. Any person interested in commenting on this proposed project may submit written comments to the USDA Rural Development address above by January 7, 2007, which is 30 days from the first publication date for this notice.

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In the Spotlight... Trans Fats

Pat Smith
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Attention, healthy eaters: labels now break down total fat by trans fats as well as saturated fats.

Wow... isn't that the most exciting news you've heard in a long time?

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But if all of us understood how really bad trans fats are for us and our future health, we might be just a little bit more excited.

Trans fats raise LDL (bad) cholesterol levels and lower HDL (good) cholesterol levels, increasing your chance of clogged arteries that can lead to heart disease or stroke. This unfortunate affect on the body applies to adults and children!

We put seatbelts on our kids and make sure they get their vaccinations, because we love them and we care about their present and future health. So why not be concerned about the dietary choices?

What they are

Some may already know trans fats by the names partially hydrogenated and hydrogenated oils. They're used to improve the taste and extend the shelf life of foods like cookies, crackers, fried fast foods, donuts, and baked goods and to harden vegetable oils into margarine and shortening. Food manufacturers create them by adding hydrogen to liquid oil.

But while hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated oils have appeared as ingredients on nutrition labels in the past, the amount of trans fat contained in

each serving was not quantified – making it difficult until now to make healthier food choices.

Trans fats are now listed directly under the line noting the saturated fat content. If a product contains less than .5 grams of trans fats per serving, the number of grams may be listed as 0, even though products such as partially hydrogenated soybean oil show up in the ingredients list.

Why they are bad

Fat is a major source of energy for our bodies, helping us absorb vitamins A, D, E and K, along with carotenoids. It's present in both animal- and plant-derived food products. When eaten in moderation, fat aids in growth, development and maintenance of good health. But not all fats are equally good.

Since trans fats occur naturally in some meat and dairy products, it's impossible to avoid them altogether. However, the American Heart Association (AHA) recommends that healthy adults and children over age two limit their intake of both saturated and trans fats to 10 percent of total calories.

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Tuesday – Omelet, hash browns, juice, cinnamon toast and milk

Wednesday – Pepperoni pizza, mixed vegetables, peaches, cookie and milk

Thursday – Chicken and noodles, parsley potatoes, fruit ice, hot roll and milk

Friday – Chili soup, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple and milk

Middle/High School Lunch

Monday – Chicken pizza quesadilla, salsa, broccoli, pears, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Tuesday – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, cinnamon roll, fruit salad and milk. Choice – salad bar

Wednesday – Tenderloin, California blend vegetables, applesauce (HS), grapes (MS), cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Thursday – Hamburger sandwich, fries, peaches, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Friday – Baked potato with meat and cheese, breadstick, orange juice cup, cookie and milk. Choice – salad bar

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

On or about March 16, 2007, the Town of Kewanna intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the Community Focus Fund of the Department's Small Cities Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for community development projects. The purpose of this application shall be for Sewer Utility Improvements. The amount of Community Focus Fund funds requested is \$500,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will meet the national objective of benefit to low and moderate income persons is \$258,500. The applicant also proposes to expend \$70,000 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will come from funds on hand.

The Kewanna Town Council will hold a public hearing on January 4, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall located at 109 E. Aurora Street to provide citizens an opportunity to express their views on community development and housing needs, past community development and housing activities and the proposed sewer improvements. Citizen participation is encouraged particularly by low and moderate income persons who reside in the Town of Kewanna. Technical assistance will be provided to groups representing low and moderate income persons that request assistance in developing funding proposals.

In previous years the Town of Kewanna

received Community Development Block Grant funds for water facility improvements, a community center, and sewer improvements through the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Records regarding the accounting of these beneficiaries and funds are available from the address listed above. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared and is available to the public. There will be no displacement. Handicapped and/or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend hearings should contact Karen Good, Clerk-Treasurer, at the Clerk-Treasurer's office, or by calling 574-653-2101 at least 7 days prior to the meeting in order that reasonable accommodations may be made for such persons.

The Community Focus Fund application will be available for review and comment on March 1, 2007. Information concerning the proposed project may be obtained from Karen Good, Town Clerk-Treasurer, by calling (574) 653-2101, Monday through Friday.

Jeff Finke

President, Kewanna Town Council
Pub. 12/7/06

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On or about January 12, 2007, Fulton County intends to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the Office's Community Focus Fund of the State's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: construction of a sewer treatment and collection system for the Lake Bruce Conservancy District. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$500,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons is \$286,932. The applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$2,889,700 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: USDA Rural Development grant and loan funds.

Fulton County will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2006, at 8:00 p.m. EST, in the Commissioner's Room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, IN to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact the Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, 219-253-6658 not later than December 13, 2006. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for prior review to the public hearing as of December 11, 2006 at the Fulton County Commissioners Office located at 125 E. 9th St., in Rochester, IN. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Mr. Edwin Buswell, Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, P. O. Box 127, Monon, IN 47959 not later than December 18, 2006 in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by Fulton County and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Mr. Norm Steigley of the Lake Bruce Conservancy District at 574-653-2824 or write to 1516 N. Lakeshore Dr., Kewanna, IN 46939.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BY THE
CASS COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE BOARD
FOR INDIAN CREEK

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

BE ADVISED Cass County Joint Drainage Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday the 19th of December 2006, at 5:00 P.M., in room 203 of the Cass County Government Building, 200 Court Park, IN 46947. To establish assessments for maintenance work to # 121 INDIAN CREEK WATERSHED in, BETHELM, BOONE AND HARRISON TOWNSHIPS in CASS COUNTY, WAYNE TOWNSHIP in FULTON COUNTY, INDIAN CREEK and VANBUREN TOWNSHIPS in PULASKI COUNTY, CASS TOWNSHIP in WHITE COUNTY INDIANA, that has been presented to the Cass County Joint Drainage Board for INDIAN CREEK.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSEES WHO WERE RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE:

Christ's at Royal Center Church
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Jerry W. Weese

Daniel A. Jr. Wenzler

The maintenance report of the surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the offices of the Surveyors of Cass, Fulton, Pulaski, and White Counties.

Any person who owns real estate affected by this drain and who objects to the Schedule Assessments has until five (5) days before the date of hearing to file written objections with the Cass County Joint Drainage Board for INDIAN CREEK together with written evidence in support of your objections. Failure to file an objection constitutes a waiver of your right to object either before the Cass County Joint Drainage Board for INDIAN CREEK or in the Cass Circuit Court, to the Surveyor's Report and Assessments referred to in this Notice or any final action of the Board.

RICHARD ELLER, CHAIRMAN
CASS COUNTY JOINT DRAINAGE
BOARD FOR INDIAN CREEK

Pub. 12/7/06

NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR EMERGENCY CARE AMBULANCE

The Fulton County board of Commissioners shall accept sealed bids for one Type III Ambulance-Emergency Care Vehicle until 9:00 a.m. EST Monday, December 18, 2006. Ambulance bids as received shall be opened at the public meeting in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Rochester, Indiana, on December 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. EST. Bid will be awarded on December 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Bids shall be in DUPLICATE and shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, which shall indicate on the front the name of the bidder and the item offered. Bids shall be submitted on a State Board of Accounts Form #95, as revised and shall be accompanied by a bid bond of not less than 10% of the amount of the bid.

Detailed specifications and instructions to bidders are available and on file at the Office of the County Auditor, Fulton County Office Building, 125 E. 9th St., Suite #108, Rochester, Indiana 46975. The telephone number of the County Auditor is (574) 223-2912.

The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to review all bids and may reject any or all bids submitted. No bidder may withdraw his bid once the time for the bid opening has passed, or for thirty days thereafter. Any bids received after the designated time shall be returned unopened.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Pub. 11/30; 12/7, 2006

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INFORMATION WANTED – I am researching my family history and would like information on a family by the name of McCloughan. Please call 574-857-5280 with any info you might have.

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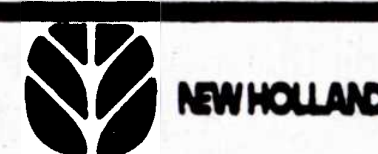
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CONTACT PERSON: John Carr

FEIN: 940583213
PHONE: 212-373-1822

NAIC CODE: 033702
EMAIL: qacarr@qacarr.com

ASSETS OF COMPANY

	(Nearest dollar)
Bonds (Schedule D)	124,094,054
Stocks (Schedule D)	58,997,444
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate (Schedule B)	0
Real Estate (Schedule A)	0
Cash & Short Term Investments (Schedule DA & E)	32,372,346
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	22,253,424
Other Assets	96,645,526
TOTAL ASSETS	334,363,801

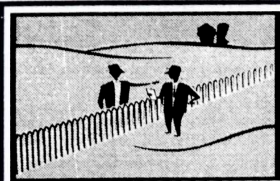
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	21,459,685
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	5,846,184
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	19,188,001
Reserve for Taxes	0
All Other Liabilities	19,240,726
TOTAL LIABILITIES	236,986,596

Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Stock	4,200,000
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus	131,146,244
Unassigned Surplus	(34,464,639)
Surplus as regards Policyholders	9,538,205
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	334,363,801

John Carr
VICE President

Martha G. Bannerham
Secretary



Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown (574) 653-2451

First a quick note: I will not be making any calls next week to collect the news. You can either call Karen with the news, call me after Tuesday with it, or save it for the following week.

I also want to correct a piece of the news from last week. I mistyped a name which made quite a bit of difference. Here is the corrected article.

Ruth Ann Anderson was a Thanksgiving holiday weekend houseguest of her daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Jim Lincoln of South Bend. Also staying with the Lincolns were their daughter and granddaughter, Leslie Halterman and Lauren of Madison, Wisconsin. (Leslie's husband, Dennis, is on a three-week business trip to Europe and Asia.)

Jackie Heidenreich had company Monday, Nov. 27. Joining her for lunch and helping to decorate for Christmas was her son, Roger Vogel of Rochester.

Kay and Jerry Brown were in Winamac Monday evening. They had an exciting time attending the boys' junior high basketball game. Their grandson, Michael C. Brown, is a player for Winamac.

Ruth Cogdill was a guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Gordon Ligocki at Winamac, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 28 and 29. Linda was busy putting up Christmas decorations at Tortuga Inn in preparation for the holiday when Ruth arrived.

Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans and Ray and Beth Weller were in Rochester Tuesday evening. They had a wonderful time attending the Columbia Elementary School's holiday program. This year's theme was "I Can Spell Christmas". The Clemans' grandson, Brendan Sutton, was one of the first grade performers.

Jerry Brown traveled to Rochester Tuesday evening. He had an enjoyable time attending the girls' high school basketball game. His granddaughter, Molly McKinney, is a player for Rochester.

Ruth Cogdill, Linda Ligocki and family friend, Dale Fleming, headed for North Judson Wednesday, Nov. 29, for a late lunch at the Grand Central Station restaurant. It was a wonderful reunion for Ruth and Linda as the owner, Bob Howard, worked at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in the late 1960s when Ruth also worked there. (Bob was lab manager and later served as administrator.) Both Linda and Ruth knew him well. Dale Fleming has become a friend of Bob's by coincidence. Dale's drawings (which were given away years ago as a promotion of a North Judson bank) now hang on the walls of this very unique train memorabilia restaurant. Months ago, Dale was in the restaurant with one of his friends from North Judson. This friend informed Bob that the artist who did all the black and white sketches was in the restaurant having lunch. Dale had been commissioned by a company that he was working for to do these

black and white drawings from photographs of depots, trains and buildings in the area, even the Winamac suspension bridge. The special friendship began that day between Dale and Bob. Ruth recommends visiting the Grand Central Station restaurant located by the town clock in North Judson.

Jon and Barb Gast were in Winamac Thursday, Nov. 30. They enjoyed a visit with Jon's parents, Stuart and Rachel Gast.

Barb LaFollette headed for Kokomo Thursday. On the way, she picked up her mother, Pauline Eikenberry. The ladies enjoyed doing some shopping together and dining around noontime.

John Lincoln and Jackie Heidenreich traveled to Logansport Friday, Dec. 1. They enjoyed dining at the China Buffet restaurant.

Linda and Tom Garner had company Saturday, Dec. 2. They were kept well entertained by

their grandchildren, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna Young of Twelve Mile, while the children's parents were Christmas shopping.

Tom and Barb LaFollette had company Saturday. Stopping by for a visit and bringing along pizza were their daughter and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac, Shelby and Nick of Rochester. The family had a great time eating the pizza and watching movies. Shelby remained overnight with her grandparents.

Rachel Cogdill of Indianapolis spent Saturday with her grandmother, Ruth Cogdill. Rachel helped her grandmother do chores around the house and also brought down the Christmas decorations from the attic. It was a wonderful day to catch up on all the family news.

Barb and Jon Gast traveled to Logansport Saturday. They had a fun time attending the postal workers' Christmas party. This year's event was held at the Elks lodge.

Pauline and Don Scales had a couple of visitors Sunday, Dec. 3. Stopping by in the afternoon for a family chat were their daughters, Phyllis Koontz of Rochester and

Linda Garner.

Janel Norris and her brother, David Norris, enjoyed Sunday brunch at a Logansport restaurant with a group of friends. Among them were Patty and Tony Trinca who have just returned from a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, then on to Elephant Butte, New Mexico to visit Patty's cousin and Logansport native, R. Paul Clodi. Paul's home is in the mountains, with sweeping views of some of New Mexico's spectacular scenery. On their return trip they got caught in a snowstorm in Kansas and were relieved to get

home to Indiana. Their canine companion, Tater Sue, seemed to enjoy the trip as much as Patty and Tony, who were pleased to find pet-friendly accommodations just about everywhere. Later that day, Janel and her friend, Brian Eckert, enjoyed the Holiday Art Tour, which featured visits to four artists' studios around Rochester. They saw many interesting works in various media, and felt privileged to meet the artists and learn about their various creations. Janel was thrilled to buy a beautiful etching and some charming earrings.

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